

What is claimed is:

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1. A method of encoding or encrypting data, comprising:
    - providing an assembly of information-bearing sounds (ISA);
    - removing one or more selected segments of the assembly, to produce a specified data file;
    - providing an encoding/encryption key and encoding or encrypting the specified data file; and
    - communicating the encoded or encrypted specified data file in a first selected communication channel and communicating the removed segments in a second selected communication channel.
  2. The method of claim 1, further comprising providing a data supplement that indicates at least one of: location of at least one of said removed segments within said ISA; size of at least one of said removed segments within said ISA; number of segments removed; separation distance between two consecutive removed segments within said ISA; and a selected portion of said encoding/encryption key; and communicating said data supplement in said second selected communication channel.
  3. The method of claim 1, further comprising providing said encoding/encryption key with at least one key parameter that uses information from at least one of said removed segments.
  4. The method of claim 1, further comprising selecting said first and second communication channels to be the same channel.
  5. The method of claim 1, further comprising providing said second channel as a secure communication channel.
  6. The method of claim 1, further comprising concatenating said removed segments and said data supplement as a concatenated data file.

12. A method of decoding or decrypting data, comprising:  
providing an encoded or encrypted first data file;  
providing a second data file and a data supplement that indicates at least one of: an assigned location of at least one designated segment of the second data file within a non-coded and non-encrypted version of the first data file; size of at least one designated segment of the second data file within the non-coded and non-encrypted first data file; number of selected segments designated; separation distance of at least two consecutive designated segments of the second data file within the non-coded and non-

using the data supplement to decode or decrypt the encoded or encrypted first data file and to position at least a first sequence and a second sequence, drawn from the second data file, within the first data file.

14. The method of claim 13, further comprising selecting said first and second communication channels to be the same channel.

16. The method of claim 19, further comprising determining at least one parameter of said encoding/encryption key using information in said second data file.

18. The method of claim 17, further comprising providing at least one encoding/encryption key parameter for said encoding/encryption key by providing at least one of said first sequence and said second sequence as an initial block for said at least one encoded/encrypted block of said data.

communicating the encoded or encrypted specified data file in a first selected communication channel and communicating the removed segments and the data supplement in a second selected communication channel.

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